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Dear producers and other data users:

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Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves on hand January 1, 2002, in Nebraska totaled 6.4 million head, down 3 percent from a year ago and 4 percent from 2000. The 2001 calf crop totaled 1.82 million head, down 1 percent from 2000 and 2 percent from 1999.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2002, totaled 96.7 million head, 1 percent below a year ago and 2 percent below 2000. The 2001 calf crop was estimated at 38.3 million head, down 1 percent from both 2000 and 1999.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2000-2002

Class	Nebraska				United States ¹			
	2000	2001	2002	2002/2001	2000	2001	2002	2002/2001
	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Cattle and calves	6,650	6,600	6,400	97	98,198	97,277	96,704	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	2,050	2,020	2,000	99	42,759	42,580	42,209	99
Beef cows	1,974	1,945	1,932	99	33,569	33,397	33,100	99
Milk cows	76	75	68	91	9,190	9,183	9,110	99
Heifers 500 pounds and over	1,860	1,820	1,730	95	19,649	19,776	19,678	100
For beef cow replacement	290	300	285	95	5,503	5,588	5,561	100
For milk cow replacement	30	30	25	83	4,000	4,057	4,060	100
Other heifers	1,540	1,490	1,420	95	10,147	10,131	10,057	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,170	2,230	2,120	95	16,682	16,441	16,800	102
Bulls 500 pounds and over	110	100	100	100	2,293	2,274	2,244	99
Calves under 500 pounds	460	430	450	105	16,815	16,206	15,773	97
	1999	2000	2001	2001/2000	1999	2000	2001	2001/2000
Calves born	1,860	1,840	1,820	99	38,796	38,631	38,280	99

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle, February 1, 2002.

Livestock Operations: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 1998-2001

Year	Nebraska					United States				
	Cattle	Milk Cows ¹	Beef Cows ¹	Hogs	Sheep	Cattle	Milk Cows ¹	Beef Cows ¹	Hogs	Sheep
	<i>Number</i>					<i>Number</i>				
1998	29,000	1,400	23,000	5,900	1,700	1,115,650	117,180	855,460	113,830	68,550
1999	28,000	1,300	23,000	5,000	1,700	1,096,550	111,000	844,170	98,610	66,800
2000	27,000	1,200	23,000	4,000	1,700	1,077,560	105,170	830,670	86,360	66,100
2001	26,000	1,100	22,000	3,400	1,600	1,050,910	97,560	814,400	81,130	65,120

¹ Included in number of cattle operations.

Source: USDA NASS, Cattle, February 1, 2002; Sheep, February 1, 2002; Quarterly Hog & Pigs, December 28, 2001.

Cattle On Feed

Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 7 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.23 million cattle on feed on January 1, down 7 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 325,000 head, down 4 percent from last year and 19 percent below December two years ago. Placements of cattle into feedlots during December totaled 300,000 head, down 12 percent from both last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during December totaled 15,000 head compared with 10,000 head during December 2000 and 20,000 head during December 1999.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on January 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below January 1, 2001 but 1 percent above January 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.58 million, 7 percent below 2000 and 4 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.49 million. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.81 million, 3 percent above 2000 but 2 percent below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 93,000 during December, 2 percent below 2000 but 3 percent above 1999.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2000-2002

STATE	January 1 Number on Feed ¹			December Placements			December Marketings			December Other Disappearance ²		
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> <u>2000</u>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	301	305	101	30	30	100	23	26	113	4	2	50
California	450	480	107	62	50	81	52	50	96	10	10	100
Colorado	1,210	1,180	98	170	165	97	180	135	75	10	10	100
Idaho	320	330	103	58	51	88	60	59	98	3	2	67
Iowa	385	355	92	38	55	145	45	49	109	3	1	33
Kansas	2,400	2,480	103	420	370	88	460	510	111	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,400	2,230	93	340	300	88	340	325	96	10	15	150
New Mexico	115	108	94	16	14	88	13	13	100	1	1	100
Oklahoma	410	360	88	57	42	74	59	65	110	3	2	67
So. Dakota	202	195	97	31	35	113	27	34	126	2	1	50
Texas	2,930	2,880	98	380	360	95	400	450	113	20	20	100
Washington	250	247	99	53	38	72	48	47	98	2	4	200
Other States	425	415	98	44	68	155	47	48	102	7	5	71
United States	11,798	11,565	98	1,699	1,578	93	1,754	1,811	103	95	93	98

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, January 18, 2002.

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 20 States and United States, 1999-2001

Item and Quarter	Nebraska			20 States			United States		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
	<i>1,000 Head</i>								
Milk cows ¹									
July-September	74	77	71	7,753	7,820	7,735	9,171	9,229	9,100
October-December	75	79	69	7,753	7,808	7,730	9,170	9,211	9,098
	<i>Million Pounds</i>								
Milk production ²									
July-September	281	312	274	34,344	35,584	35,179	39,771	41,161	40,619
October-December	296	316	279	34,792	35,053	35,180	40,406	40,678	40,764

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, January 17, 2002.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States December-November 2001-2002 ^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	901	917	8.66	8.80	7,803	8,069
Jan	906		8.71		7,887	
Feb	941		8.79		8,273	
Mar	958		8.88		8,503	
Apr	954		8.89		8,481	
May	958		8.90		8,525	
Jun	953		8.80		8,386	
Jul	931		8.81		8,205	
Aug	954		8.84		8,438	
Sep	966		8.75		8,448	
Oct	950		8.78		8,344	
Nov	930		8.80		8,180	
Total	11,302		8.80		99,473	

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Monthly Hogs and Pigs, January 25, 2002.

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,
Nebraska and United States, January 1, 2002-2002**

State	Total Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Total Market Sheep & Lambs		All Sheep & Lambs		Breeding Ewes 1 Year & Older Jan 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+, Jan 1		Lamb Crop	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<i>1,000 Head</i>						<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Nebraska	94	73	20	28	114	101	77	58	142	112	102	86
United States	4,967	4,913	1,998	1,772	6,965	6,685	4,091	3,980	109	110	4,622	4,495

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, February 1, 2002.

Poultry

During December 2001, layers in Nebraska totaled 11.6 million birds, a decrease of 2 percent from the previous year. The total number of layers in the United States during December 2001 averaged 339 million, up 2 percent from December 2000.

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, December 2001 with Comparisons**

Item	2000	2001	2001/2000
	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.8	11.6	98
30 States	311.3	317.5	102
United States	332.3	338.5	102
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	254	242	95
30 States	6,819	6,950	102
United States	7,287	7,404	102
Chickens Hatched			
United States			
Egg-type	35.0	31.5	91
Broiler	738.7	769.4	104
Hatched thru December			
United States			
Egg-type	429.7	450.5	105
Broiler	8,792.1	8,901.6	101

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, January 31, 2002.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

December 2001 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. December 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. December 2001 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and
United States, December 2001 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹ (1,000)	Dec 2001 percent of	
		Dec. 2000	Nov. 2001
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	594.5	107	93
Hogs, head	600.7	113	97
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	²	²
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	591.9	112	94
United States			
Cattle, head	2,779.4	102	96
Calves, head	84.3	92	97
Hogs, head	8,418.7	104	97
Sheep & Lambs, head	279.1	93	105
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,812.8	105	96

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms. ² Data included in U.S. total to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, January 25, 2002.

Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January was 96 based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the December index. Price increases for tomatoes, lettuce, cattle, and hogs more than offset decreased prices for cotton, broccoli, turkeys, and milk. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the

overall index. Higher marketings for cattle, corn, soybeans, and hogs more than offset decreased marketings of tobacco, grapes cotton, and milk.

Compared with January 2001, the All Farm Products Index was unchanged. Higher prices for lettuce, broilers, oranges, and potatoes offset lower prices for cattle, soybeans, rice, and onions.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary January 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Jan 2001 ¹	Dec 2001 ¹	Jan 15, 2002	Jan 2001 ¹	Dec 2001 ¹	Jan 15, 2002	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.71	\$ 2.86	\$ 2.84	\$ 2.89	\$ 2.94	31	\$ 9.35
Corn	Bushels	1.97	1.91	1.88	1.98	1.98	1.98	31	6.33
Oats	Bushels	1.53	1.94	1.90	1.21	1.90	1.84	48	3.86
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.43	3.23	3.30	3.39	3.26	3.35	31	10.80
Soybeans	Bushels	4.54	4.06	4.13	4.68	4.20	4.27	31	13.90
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	78.00	73.00	71.00	85.20	93.70	93.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	81.00	75.00	73.00	91.00	102.00	101.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	67.00	63.00	65.00	68.90	73.00	73.70		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	15.20	17.80	18.50	15.10	21.40	22.80	49	46.80
Hogs	Cwt.	39.10	36.50	39.40	37.20	33.30	36.50	37	99.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	39.30	36.70	39.60	37.60	33.80	37.00		
Sows	Cwt.	30.50	25.60	27.30	31.20	25.10	26.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	74.90	68.90	69.90	74.80	64.60	66.60	43	154.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	76.00	70.00	71.00	79.30	68.60	70.50		
Cows	Cwt.	39.80	34.70	35.30	39.00	36.00	37.10		
Calves	Cwt.	109.00	104.00	106.00	108.00	100.00	100.00	49	205.00
Sheep	Cwt.	37.00	31.60		43.30	33.50			73.80
Lambs	Cwt.	63.40	60.70		74.10	61.70			174.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for January 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, January 31, 2002.

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